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**STATUS INQUIRY**

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Dear Sir:

A request is made for the status of the above-identified application. We have not received any further communication from the United States Patent and Trademark Office since the Office Action mailed on September 15, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,

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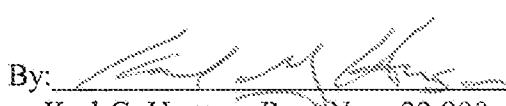
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